

Book	POLICIES
Section	B – School Board Operations
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The board will generally meet for up to 45 minutes for the purpose of receiving public comments in a limited public forum during regularly scheduled board meetings.

The board president or presiding officer may invite speakers who have fully completed a form provided by the Board Clerk to speak during the limited public forum. A speaker's comments will be limited to no more than (3) minutes during the limited public forum, and the board president or presiding officer may impose a different limit on the time a speaker may address the board. The rules for public comment are found on the Olathe Public Schools' website, and will be provided upon written request sent to the Board Clerk.

At the discretion of the board president or presiding officer, groups with the same interest may be requested to appoint a spokesperson(s) to deliver the group's message. If a speaker's comments relate to complaints concerning students or staff, the board may request that such complaints first be addressed to the district's administration as provided under Board Policy KN (Complaints).

Prior to their public comments, speakers will provide their name, the city where they live, and, if applicable, the school(s) their children attend, have attended, or their connection to the district on a form provided by the Board Clerk. Except to ask clarifying questions, board members shall not interact with speakers during the limited public forum.

Topics expressed during the limited public forum shall be germane to the business of the board. Threats of harm or violence will not be permitted.

Board meetings will be recorded and made available online within approximately three (3) business days of the meeting.

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